

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

The specification has been amended to correct minor grammatical and typographical errors. Also, a new Abstract is being provided, along with proposed corrections to be made to the drawings.

Claims 10 and 24 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 15 and 29 are currently being amended.

Claims 33-38 are being added.

This amendment adds, cancels and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-9, 11-23 and 25-38 are now pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,029,155 to Herz. This rejection is traversed with respect to the presently pending claims, for at least the reasons given below.

Independent claims 1 and 15 have been amended to include the features of now-canceled claims 10 and 24, respectively. As recited in presently pending claim 1, for example, the storage means stores terminal attribute information of the user and communication attribute information required to access the information provision means as the profile information. Thus, the profile information has nothing at all to do with selections made by the user when accessing a web site, but have everything to do with the type of equipment used by the user in accessing the web site.

Herz, on the other hand, describes a system whereby a user's target profile interest summary information is collected, whereby that profile

information represents the user's areas of interest. See column 5, lines 24-25 of Herz, for example. Also, the term "profile" as described in column 4, lines 48-67 of Herz clearly corresponds to a user's selections and a user's interests, and not with any terminal attribute information or any communication attribute information required to access a web site. Please note that a possible confusion between the present invention and Herz is that Herz uses the term "profile" to correspond to the term "preference information" in the present invention, whereby Herz clearly does not utilize "profile information" as that information is defined in the present invention. Accordingly, presently pending independent claims 1 and 15 are not anticipated by Herz.

Dependent claims 2-9 and 11-14 are patentable due to their dependencies on base claim 1, and dependent claims 16-23 and 25-28 are patentable due to their dependencies on base claim 15.

With respect to claim 29, that claim has been amended to recite the following:

providing first specific information to the user based on first profile information of the user that indicates a first type of terminal used by the user to access said information provision means; and

providing second specific information to the user based on second profile information of the user that indicates a second type of terminal used by the user to access said information provision means,

wherein the first specific information is different from the second specific information.

None of the above features of claim 29 are disclosed or suggested by Herz, whereby Herz does not contemplate providing different web information to a user based on the type of equipments used by the user to access a specific web site.

Accordingly, claim 29, as well as its dependent claims 30-32, are not anticipated by Herz.

New claims 33-38 have been added to recite features of the present invention that are not disclosed or suggested by Herz. Support for new claims 33 and 34 may be found on page 22 of the specification, support for new claims 35 and 37 may be found on page 23 of the specification, and support for new claims 36 and 38 may be found on page 26 of the specification.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG.1

PRIOR ART

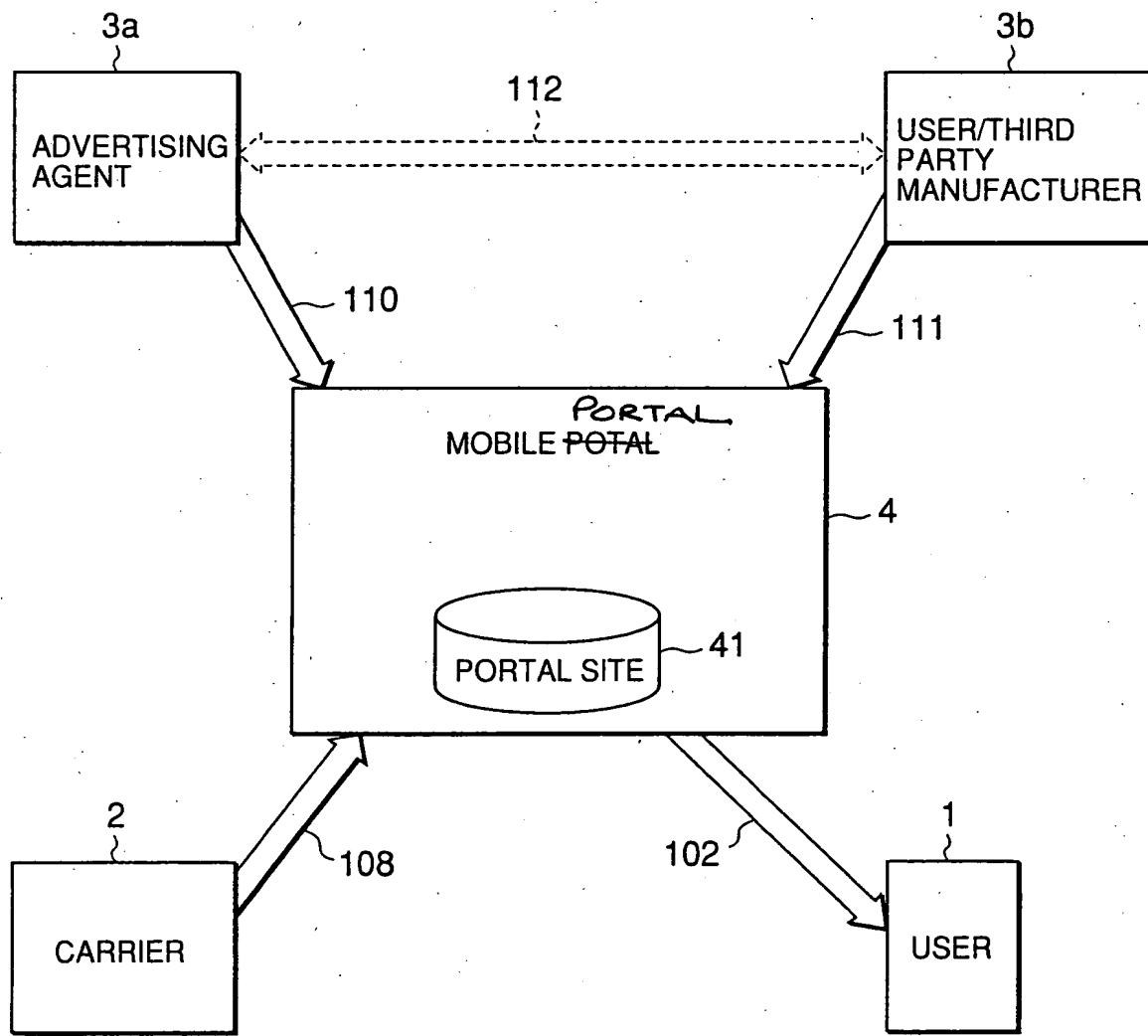




FIG.2

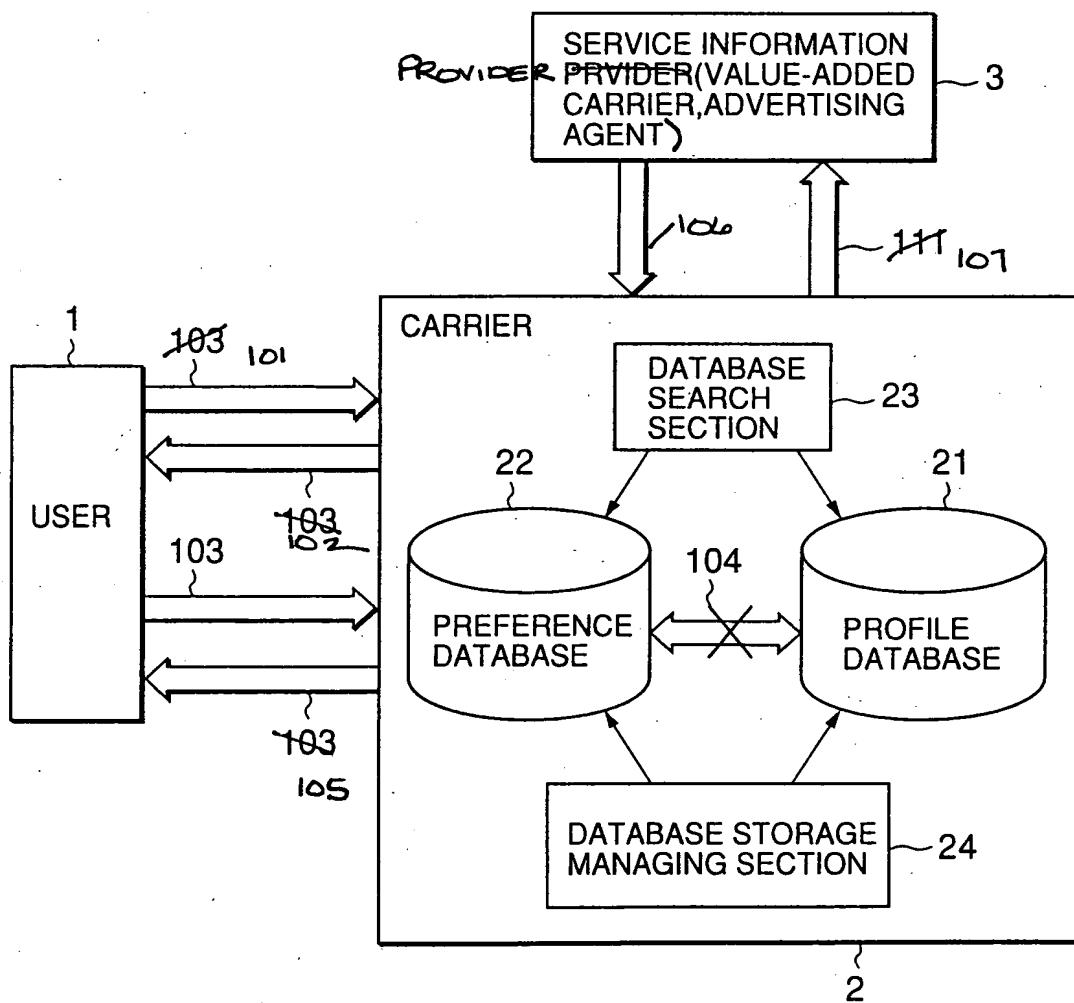




FIG.3

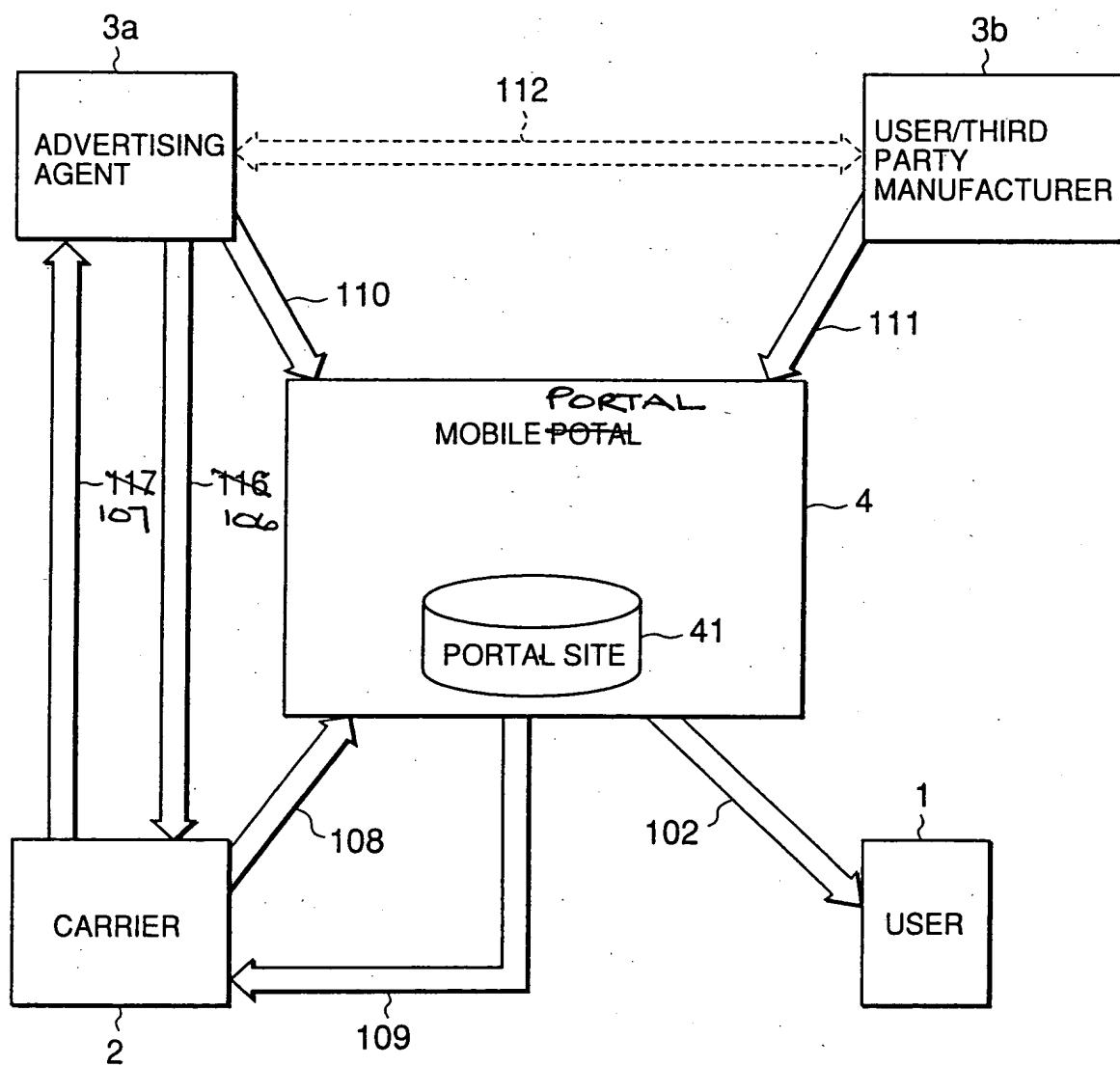




FIG.4

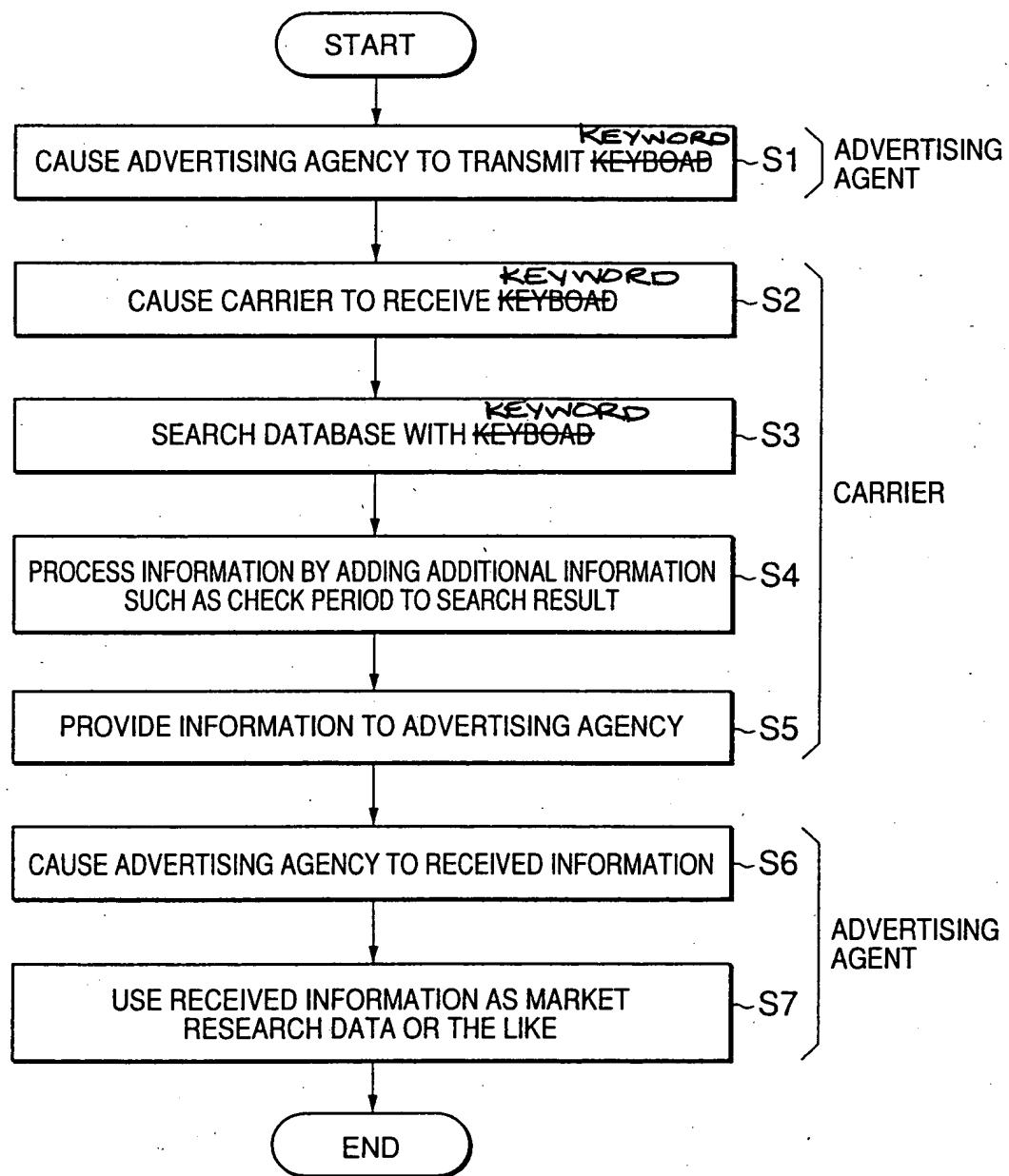
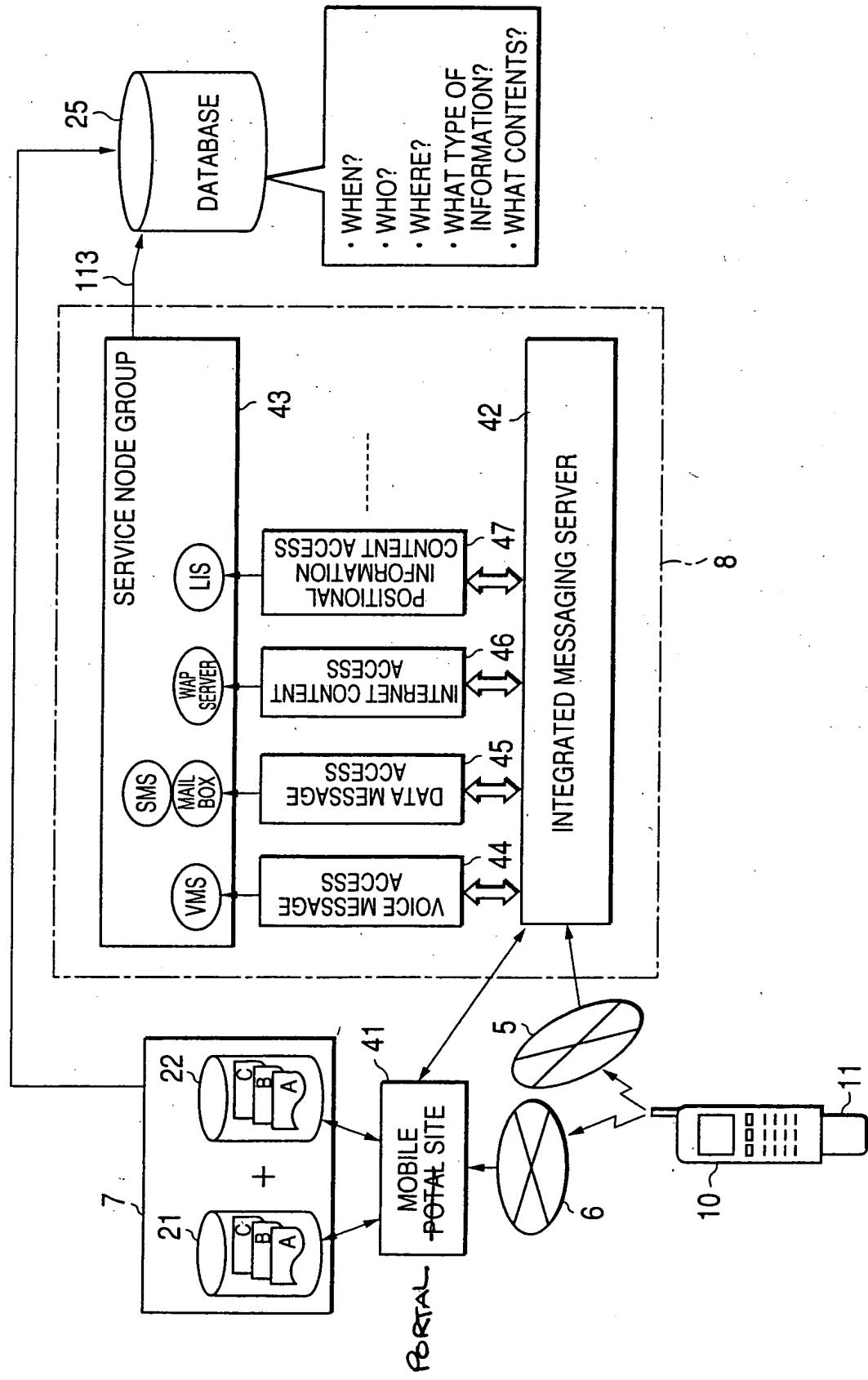




FIG. 5



Title: INFORMATION COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,
 INFORMATION COMMUNICATION METHOD, AND
 INFORMATION PROVISION BUSINESS METHOD

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FIG. 7

